GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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GRAIN STORAGE AND PRESERVATION
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Grain Storage management and Research Institute has evolved any innovative methods for grain storage and preservation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the extent to which these methods have helped in avoiding wastage of foodgrains;

(d) whether the Government proposes to open branches of the said Institute in all the States; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a)&(b): The Indian Grain Storage Management and Research Institute (IGMRI)has developed code of practices for safe storage of foodgrains and pulses including coarsegrains. The Institute has also developed scientific storage structures viz. metal bins, pucca kothi, RCC ring bins and R.B.bins for safe storage of foodgrains. It has also tested insecticides, fumigants and rodenticides for the control of stored grain insect pests and rodents at farm and commercial level.

(c): These improved techniques have helped in reducing post harvest losses in foodgrains considerably. The post harvest losses in wheat which were reported to be 8% in 1966 have come down to the level of 4.75% during study conducted in 1998-99 and 1999-2000 by IGMRI, Hapur.

(d)&(e): There is no proposal under consideration to open the branches of Indian Grain Storage Management and Research Institute in all the States.